

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.-60. (Canceled)

61. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a device including a removable component, the method comprising the steps of:

~~operating a removable component within the device; and~~
using a wireless link within the device to store a password in a memory attached to ~~a~~ the removable component ~~within the device; and~~
utilizing the password to selectively enable or disable operation of the device.

62. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 61, ~~wherein further including utilizing the password is for use in controlling operation of, or access to,~~ the device.

63. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 61, wherein the device is designed for use in an endoscopic medical procedure.

64. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 61, wherein the device is a light source unit for use in an endoscopic medical procedure.

65. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 64, wherein the component is a light source within the light source unit.

66.-78. (Canceled)

79. (New) A method of operating a device including a removable component, the method comprising the steps of:

using a wireless link within the device to store a password in a memory incorporated into the removable component; and

controlling access to the device using the stored password.

80. (New) A method as recited in claim 79, wherein the device is designed for use in an endoscopic medical procedure.

81. (New) A method as recited in claim 79, wherein the device is a light source unit for use in an endoscopic medical procedure.

82. (New) A method as recited in claim 81, wherein the component is a light source within the light source unit.